

TIRANA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL (TIS)

ASSISTED SCHOOL SPECIAL NEEDS PROFILE

NOTE: School situations can change quickly, particularly as schools face cutbacks to learning support programs due to the pandemic, unrest, and economic uncertainty. For the most current information, work with the REO and school. Information in this document was collected by the Department of State's Office of Overseas Schools directly from the school in spring 2023 and shows the availability of services rather than an assessment of the quality of the services. The profile is intended as a jumping off point for a conversation with the REO and school to understand the best fit for your child. Definitions may vary school to school. If a field is not specified, please reach out to the REO listed below for more information.



The [Tirana International School](#) (TIS) is a private, nonprofit, preschool-grade 12, coeducational, American curriculum, college- preparatory institution. TIS was founded in 1991 to provide a quality education for expatriates living in Tirana. The school year comprises three trimesters extending from late August to the middle of June. Read more on the [Overseas Schools Fact Sheet](#).

ADMISSIONS & SPECIAL NEEDS INFORMATION

The school's admission criteria and procedures can be found at tirana.qsi.org/admissions.

IN GENERAL, THE SCHOOL CAN SUPPORT STUDENTS WHOSE LEARNING SUPPORT NEEDS ARE

Mild to Moderate

ABLE AND WILLING TO ACCOMMODATE STUDENTS WITHIN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES

Hearing Impaired	No
Physically or Orthopedically Impaired	No
Visually Impaired	No
Autistic	Yes
Specifically Learning Disabled	Yes
Intellectually Disabled	No

Behaviorally/Emotionally Disturbed	No
Multiple Disabilities	Yes
Other health impairment	No
Speech or Language impaired	Yes
Traumatic Brain Injury	No

SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT SERVICES

Teacher Accommodations Yes 	Teacher Accommodations Learning Support Teacher Yes 	Learning Support Teacher Yes 	Co-Teaching/ Team Teaching in the Classroom No 	Academic Support Class Secondary School Yes
SELF-CONTAINED CLASSROOM No 	In Elementary No In Middle School No In High School No	Maximum Hours per Week per Student Push In 2 Pull Out 0 	Support for special needs preschoolers No 	Use of IEP or ILP Yes

SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT STAFF IN THE SCHOOL

Social Worker:		0
Nurse:		1
Special Needs Coordinator:		1
Special Needs Teacher:		1
Psychologist:		0
School Counselor:		2

Staffing numbers are listed as full school totals. A breakdown by elementary, middle, and high school levels can be found on the [School Summary Information Portal](#) or by emailing OverseasSchools@state.gov.

SERVICES AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH

SCHOOL		COMMUNITY
Psycho Educational Assessment	No	No
Speech Therapy	Yes	No
Occupational Therapy	No	No
Physical Therapy	No	No
Behavior and/or Autism Specialist (ABA/Behavior Plan/Interventions)	No	Yes
Social Skills Group/ Social Skills Training	Yes	No

SCHOOL	
1 : 1 Trained Classroom Aide	Yes
Special Transportation	No
Transportation Paraprofessional	No

LITERACY & MATHEMATICS SUPPORT

SCHOOL		COMMUNITY
U.S. Credentialed Reading Specialist	Yes	No
Reading Remediation	Yes	No
Reading Programs for Dyslexia (Orton Gillingham, etc.)	Yes	No
Math Specialist	Yes	No

Please note, some schools may have an expectation that parents make arrangements for support services even if they are listed as available.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BEST EDUCATIONAL FIT FOR YOUR CHILDREN

Reach out to:	Regional Education Officer (REO)	MED/CFP
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